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Beatty, pioneer Albion Beatty, won a foremost place

for the family name in Canadian industry, being the

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Methodist and Orangeman, and he and his wife rest in the old Providence Cemetery (Woodhill's).

A.I. Beatty, 4th son of the pioneer, secured

50 acres, lot 2, con. 3, 1875, for \$1,000. The pioneer's only daughter, Annie, married Richard

H. Berryman, and, 1892, acquired the homestead.

Shades of all the strict-living, virtuous and godly pioneers! In Albion there were actually Beatty's who "kept hotel"--taverns they were called in those days. One, Henry Beatty (1837-1918)

(W. Sarah Carter), was a tavern-keeper, Liberal in politics, and the Elm Tree Hotel at Palgrave was built (1892) by his son Henry.

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96th. year, 1915. Their other son, Matthew, moved to Seaforth. Seven sons were born to John and Mary (McIlwaine) Beattie -- Robert, Thomas Ker, John A., Matthew H., Guy, George, and William. Robert moved to Seaforth and then to Stratford; Thomas K. (1831-1896) (w. Susan Denham) lived on lot 2, con. 4 (Lancholm), was Clerk of the Division Court in Streetsville, a Mason and Secretary of River Park Lodge, No. 356; John A., a miller, and George, resided on the homestead; Matthew H. who was in the dairy business. Orangeman, and executive member of the Patrons of Industry, moved to Vancouver; Guy emigrated to Mexico where AND THE REAL PROPERTY. the set of he died, 1931, while William died in early manhood. Matthew Beattie who is buried in Churchville Cemetery (1894), moved in 1877 to 10th line, Trafalgar,

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